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Application of: Staples, et al

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PETITION FOR A ONE -MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated September 04, 2001, be extended for one month to and including January 4, 2001.

Please charge the fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 (a)(2) in the amount of \$110.00 to Dade Behring's Deposit Account # 04-0010. Please apply any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account number.

Respectfully submitted,


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